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1. Plovdiv airfield, about 700 x 1,000 meters, is located southeast of Plovdiv at location RA 51-99. A rail line runs from the Plovdiv freight station directly to the airfield. On the north side of the field, where the rail line terminates, there are fuel storage tanks. The runway is firm and suitable for landing heavy aircraft; it also has night lighting. Soviet type YAK TU-2 and RE-2 pursuit planes are stationed at this field.
2. There are 600 air force soldiers attending a ground crew course at the Plovdiv airfield. After one year the soldiers who pass an examination are placed in units, and those who fail continue six more months in the school. The school trains airplane mechanics, vehicle mechanics, radio repairmen, and radio, switchboard, and meteorological equipment operators.

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